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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-124

Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received, and had the opportunity to review the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG"). Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas change from \$11.50 per dekatherm to \$8.75 per dekatherm. PNG stated that the relief requested will avoid overcollection of its wholesale gas costs.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-124, effective October 1, 2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Flitter

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